

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott voted No on H.R. 6079, which would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This was the 31st vote that the House of Representatives has taken since January 2011 to repeal all or some of the provisions of the healthcare reform law. Congressman Scott spoke in opposition to this latest repeal attempt on the House floor yesterday:

"Mr. Speaker, two years ago we passed ObamaCare, and now the Supreme Court has ruled that it is, in fact, constitutional.

"Even after this ruling, some are ignoring the fact that these reforms are working. We know that there are children with preexisting conditions who now have insurance. We know that there are young adults who have had car accidents and their families did not have to go bankrupt for health care costs because they were able to stay on their parents' policies.

"We know that there are seniors who are receiving assistance when they fall in the doughnut hole. We know many people have discovered diseases when those diseases were in fact curable because they didn't have to save up for co-pays and deductibles for their annual checkup. We know that there are people with serious illnesses who no longer fear being kicked off their insurance plans in the middle of treatment when they need the coverage the most. And in 18 months, all Americans will be able to afford a comprehensive health care policy. All of this was done in a fiscally responsible way. And why would anyone want to take away these protections and leave people without health security?

"Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this 31st attempt to turn the clock back on the advancements made under the Affordable Care Act."

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